

## The Puchta Administration

**Takes Charge.—Nearly All the Old Heads of the Various Departments Will Remain.—Mayor Will Announce a Few Changes After Assuming Office.—Treasurer Witt and Auditor Leimann Will Make No Changes in Their Departments.**

With the inauguration of George Puchta as Mayor of Cincinnati, the affairs of the city have entered upon a new era; an era, the importance of which can hardly be estimated. People in all walks of life will watch the progress of events during the next two years—not only with keen attention, but with actual interest. This interest is not only of the ordinary variety which the average citizen takes in the affairs of the home town, but of a more personal nature, in which the average citizen feels himself directly concerned.

That Mr. Puchta owes his election, to a very large extent, to this rather unusual personal interest in the affairs of

evidence of the good intention of Puchta to play fair with union labor.

There will be few new faces in the executive departments at the City Hall when the new administration takes

going on the theory that old and proven men are better than new ones, and this fact alone is a good indication that the new Mayor and his cabinet intends to run the City Hall along business lines.



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the city can not be doubted, and that his administration is expected to be far above the ordinary is equally certain. The people realize the importance of the job which they have given Mr. Puchta, and believe they have chosen the right man to fill a big position. Therefore, these same people are looking for big things from Mr. Puchta and taking a more or less personal interest in him and his every act.

Union labor is especially interested in Mr. Puchta and the affairs of the city, and union labor, almost to a man, supported Mr. Puchta, and now looks to Mr. Puchta for big things. One of the things which union labor expects of Mr. Puchta is fair treatment, and union labor is much gratified to learn that Parke S. Johnson, who has always been a friend of union labor, will be retained. It is a little early to advance an opinion, but there are not lacking indications that Mr. Puchta intends to follow closely business methods in the conduct of the affairs of the city during the next two years; and this is what is expected of him.

Union labor asks nothing which is unreasonable, and expects nothing which is unfair; but union labor does expect the new Mayor to render unto union labor those things to which union labor is entitled, and for this reason union labor is taking a keen interest in the new Mayor, and accepts the retention of Parke S. Johnson as the best possible

charge on January 1st, and it is a high compliment to Mr. Spiegel to have practically his entire force retained by Mr. Puchta. Mr. N. L. Pierson, Secretary to the new Mayor, who comes from the real estate business, is so well known that he hardly needs an introduction. Mr. Pierson will be practically the only new member of the executive family, other than the Mayor himself and the Directors of the Service and Safety Departments.

George Crawford, who has been secretary to Mr. Spiegel, will become secretary to Mr. Friedlander in the Safety Department, while Parke S. Johnson will be retained as secretary to Mr. Hornberger in the Service Department. Of the Mayor's personal staff, Charles Ludwig and Pat McKenna, both will be retained, as will Mayor's Detective McDermott.

Those who know the members of the force at the City Hall will be glad there will be no changes, since each member of the official family has proven his worth during the past two years, and have made friends of those having business with the Mayor's office or with the heads of the two departments. George Crawford, Parke Johnson and others have done much to promote a feeling of confidence among the people who have had business to transact, and have made it a pleasure to visit the City Hall.

The new administration is evidently

### RECORD VOTE CAST

**Iron Workers Have Close Contests in Semi-Annual Election.**

International Association of Bridge, Structural and Ornamental Iron Workers and Pile Drivers, Local Union No. 44, held its semi-annual election of officers in Central Turner Hall. The balloting was close and the largest number of votes in the history of the local was cast.

The race for business agent created the most interest, James Davis being returned winner over Thomas McEwen by a margin of seven votes. Other officers elected were: President, James McCollough; first vice-president, John P. Murphy; second vice-president, Charles McCarthy; financial secretary, B. Wagner; recording secretary, Joseph Anslinger; treasurer, Charles McCarthy; trustee, Anthony Roettinger; auditor, Del. White; delegates to Building Trades Council, Chas. Mueller, James Davis and Thomas McEwen; delegates to Central Labor Council, Thomas McEwen and Joseph Anslinger; delegates to Kenton and Campbell County Labor Assembly, B. Wagner, Fred Deitz and Thomas Galloway; Warden, Robert Penn; sergeant-at-arms, Ed Link, Thomas McEwen, Oscar Brandes, George Chambers and Robert Penn.

When Cincinnati went dry on Sunday, Honorable Thomas R. Cody, who conducts a place at Third and Scott streets, and another at the entrance of the Lantonia race track, saw an opportunity of doing a week's business on Sunday, and his saloon has been a Mecca of the undersirables from Cincinnati all day of each Sunday. His sitting rooms have been full of women of easy morals, from Cincinnati, which was the only place in which they could get their "Mamie Taylors" on Sunday, and the sidewalks between his place and the bridge have been lined with drunks.

Cody has political influence in Covington and could have had the police handle these drunks by keeping the sidewalks in front of his saloon clear and there would have been no offense to anyone, and no ladies would have been insulted when going to or returning from church. But Cody was too busy inside his place selling more booze, and the consequence is that every saloon in Covington is going to be forced to close. The many family saloons which have always served the people in their respective neighborhoods are going to suffer through the manner in which the swiftest cafe in Covington, that located at Third and Scott streets, has been thrown open to the sporting people of Cincinnati.

Westwood. Owner, W. S. P. Oskamp; architect, G. C. Burroughs, Union Trust Building, Cincinnati, O. Contracts awarded as follows: Carpenter work, Henry Herman; plumbing, the Doyle & Fay Co.; tile and marble work, A. Schirmer; roofing, Jansen & Co.; cement work, Chas. V. Maescher & Co.; brick work, Aug. Joehnk; plastering and stucco work, Werkowitz & Mayer.

School—Group of buildings, consisting of gymnasium, stadium, industrial arts building, power plant and tunnels, for the new East Side High School, on Madison road, opposite Erie avenue. Owner, the Board of Education; architects, Garber & Woodward, Union Central Building, Cincinnati, O. General contract awarded to the Roche-Braner Building Co., of Cincinnati, for \$390,700.

### BUILDING TRADES COUNCIL

The Building Trades Council held its regular meeting Thursday night, with President Joseph A. Cullen in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Business Agent Hock read his report and upon motion, same was adopted. All trades reported business good. Under the head of good and welfare, several members made stirring addresses on the outlook for 1916, after which the meeting adjourned.

### BUILDING SUB-CONTRACTS

Factory—A new structure, about 230 feet square, five stories high, to be erected on Eggleston avenue, extending from Third to Pearl street, to cost about \$250,000. Owner, the American Tool Works; architects, Stegner & Hughes, Commercial Tribune Building, Cincinnati, O. Plans partially completed. Contract for reinforcing steel awarded to the Concrete Steel Co., of Youngstown, O. The wrecking of the Greenwald buildings now on the site will be commenced about the first of February, and the building will be completed about October 1, 1916.

Residence—A 2½-story stucco residence, to be built on Harrison avenue,